

USACE FINANCE CENTER
Biweekly REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 11 December 1998

CEFMS:

CEFMS ISSUES:

a. We are continuing to the test the Manpower Execution and Reporting functionality. The current testing is being conducted on the databases of two large, representative districts. We are still awaiting the completion of the "crosswalk" table by the Headquarters Manpower Division prior to performing the "final" testing and enabling the "code" for use on the production databases.

b. We released some changes to the code that supports the flat rate S&A account that we believe will make this functionality much more user friendly. These changes will make the data, both current and historical, accessible to the average user which will support the ability to analyze the data, determine the problem and make changes, corrections if required. The field has been advised on the sequence of actions that must be completed to attain full utility of these changes.

c. We released the functionality (source code) that enables Credit Card Holders to record a "credit" (favorable adjustment to the expense) received on their invoices. The requirement, request, need for this functionality has received a lot of visibility for quite a period of time. We anticipate this change will be a very useful tool that will be of immediate help for the Credit Card Holders.

d. Other noteworthy accomplishments during this reporting period are as follows:

(1) We corrected a problem related to "elements of resource", Resource_eor, which will improve the reporting of historical data. This correction provides the ability to link expired EOR's to current on-going resource_codes.

(2) Released source code for Federal Cost Sharing and enhanced non-Federal Cost Sharing which will enable the use of this code across a broader application, increased number of appropriations.

(3) CEFMS Modernization--Completed the conversion of Funding Authorization Documents in preparation for the move to GUI. This involved moving the source code for updating the Funding Document

Transaction Register from the "forms" to the database.

(4) Modified the Prior Year Depreciation Adjustments code which allowed one district to record \$7.0M of prior year depreciation for assets just now loaded into their CEFMS database, three years after going "live" on CEFMS. This functionality will be of immense importance to all locations as they continue to review/reconcile their asset accounts to meet the CFO requirement.

(5) Released modifications to the source code to allow processing of a "negative" collection citing a bill number that has been previously collected. This capability provides for the correction of instances where funds received are collected/credited to the wrong account without requiring the development/use of a "script".

PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

a. The open problem report inventory is 1,295 compared to 1,258 on the last report. The inventory includes 173 Priority #1 problem reports. We are considering, evaluating some techniques to be used to purify the open problem report inventory as it relates to the CEFMS Modernization effort.

b. Twenty-nine(29) of the sixty-three databases have no imbalances, nine (9) have one (1), five (5) have two, five (5) have three, another nine (9) sites have nine or less. Only six (6) sites have more than ten.

ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:

CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATING FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS:

UPCOMING CONSOLIDATIONS:

a. We have a set tentative date in early January for the initial meeting with the next locations in the schedule, North Atlantic Division/Districts.

c. We are continuing to work with HECSA which is the last site to be consolidated this fiscal year and also the last site in the current plan, given the "deferral" on those sites that service OCONUS locations and disburse in foreign currency.

NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ON BOARD PERSONNEL:

<u>LOCATION:</u>	<u>NUMBER:</u>
Huntsville	25

Millington	238
Washington	2
Other	1
DA Interns (Millington)	5
Total	271

DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA:

PAYMENTS	As of 11/30/98	Current Month	Year to Date
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BY CHECK:

Checks Issued	42,136	11,064	53,200
Dollar amount	\$614,594,692	\$147,834,529	
\$762,429,221			

BY EFT:

Transfers Made	9,982	3,011	12,993
Dollar Amount	\$386,420,004	\$ 88,723,514	\$475,143,518

OTHER UFC ISSUES:

a. We are continuing to work the effort related to Funds Reconciliation With Treasury. We are making good progress with the accounts related to the Civil Appropriation Disbursing Stations. Ultimately the UFC will have responsibility for 28 of the 30 DSSN's. Our plan is to reconcile the suspense accounts, the statement(s) of difference, and the Check Issue difference by 31 March 1999 and to request "deactivation" of that DSSN no later than the end of the fifteenth month after the last check was issued, which is the earliest time that formal deactivation can occur. Deactivation is not required to meet CFO compliance, but is the final step that prevents any action to be erroneously recorded against that disbursing station. The reconciliation actions are basically complete for 13 of the 28 DSSN's. Actions are continuing for the remaining Civil and Military sites. We have received the final deactivation notice from treasury for one DSSN, have forwarded the request for an additional site, and will be forwarding the request for final deactivation for several sites in January 1999.

b. On 8 December we sent a reminder to all Finance and Accounting Officers that it is the responsibility of the supported activity to update and maintain the CEFMS Vendor Table throughout the year.. The CEFMS Vendor Table must include a valid Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and a correct mailing address for each active vendor. To support our effort to provide vendors with accurate and timely 1099-Ms we requested that each activity we support review their CEFMS Vendor Table ensuring that the TIN and mailing address is correct for all vendors that received a payment during 1998. This action needs to be complete by January 15, 1999.